

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 37 at line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

--In the first embodiment, by providing the stopper 14b at one end of the stopper 14, the information recording cartridge 3 is prevented from being inserted and stored from the incorrect direction. Alternatively, the following configuration may be adopted: a first switch 15 (claw position detecting part) that turns on/off depending on whether or not the claw 14a enters into the recessed part and a second switch that turns on/off depending on whether or not the information recording cartridge 3 has been stored at the predetermined position in the cartridge storage part 12, and based on on/off of the first switch and on/off of the second switch, a determining part determines whether or not the information recording cartridge 3 has been inserted from the correct direction in the state where the information recording cartridge 3 is stored at the predetermined position in the cartridge storage part 12. When it is determined that the information recording cartridge 3 has been inserted incorrectly, the determining part suspends the operation and informs the user of it and/or ejects the information recording cartridge from the cartridge storage part.--